Arbor Acres in India

887. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arbor Acres, the American giant breeder of table chicken, has come back to India;

(b) if so, the details of the technical tie-up and franchise agreement entered by the company; and

(c) what is Government's policy in regard to allowing such companies to invest in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) M|s. Eagle Agro-Farms Pune have applied for import of Grand Parent Broiler Breeding Stock from M|s. Arbor Acres, USA.

(b) The firm has not approached the Ministry of Agriculture for grant of nay permission towards technhnical lie-up and franchise agreement.

(c) According to Import-Export Policy (1992—97), import of pureline and grand parent stock of poultry has been put in the negative list and can be allowed only against an import licence on the recommendation of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

Wheat Production

888. SHRI SURENDRA KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total area under cultivation of wheat in the country during last five years;

(b) what has been the growth rate in the production of wheat during last five years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the area under cultivation of wheat is being diverted to the production of cash crops recently; and

(d) if so, what specific steps have been taken to stop this divertion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The estimated area under cultivation of wheat in the country during the last 5 years is given below:

Year	(Million hectares)
1987-88 . .	23·06
1988-89 . .	24·11
1989-90 . .	23·50
1990-91 . .	23·98
1991-92 (Likely) .	23·70

(b) The compound growth rate of wheat production during the last 5 years was observed to be 4.37 per cent per annum.

(c) No, Sir. There is no evidence of large scale diversion of area under cultivation of wheat to cash crops in recent years.

(d) Does not arise.

Over payment to milk suppliers by DMS

889. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation is looking into complaints about over payment to the milk cooperatives running into crores of rupees by Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the amount of over payment made so far to each milk supplier cooperative by Delhi Milk Scheme;

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check these over payments;

(e) whether Government have hell any Delhi Milk Scheme official responsible for the over payments;

(f) whether any irregularities have been detected; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(g) what are the names and designations of official held responsible and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (g) According to Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) no over payment has been made to any of the co-operative societies. However, C.B.I. is looking into the matter regarding award of contract and payment of arrears amounts to Co-operative Societies by D.M.S. A statement indicating the details of the arrear payments made is annexed.

Statement

(Figures in rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of the Society	Arrear Payment 1-11-87 To 16-5-88	Arrear Payment 1-11 88 To 30-4-89	Arrear Payment 14-12-90 To 22-2-91
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Om Coop. Soc.		112404·00	144192·00
2.	Pooja Coop. Soc.		151420·00	131481·00
3.	Pregati Sheel	776325·00	153188·00	137069·00
4.	Sungarpur		115578·00	104563·00
5.	Shiv Milk	731869·00	154871·00	201844·00
	Shiv milk Co	174047·00		
6.	Jai Coop. Soc.	1753899·00	1587810·00	183197·00
7.	Jamuna Par	1130262·00	983426·00	152077·00
8.	Jagatour	505797·00	739800·00	96695·00
9.	Harihar	1153134·00	940060·00	188569·00
10.	Koudly	688779·00	1042653·00	198631·00
11.	Shiv Shakti	1049181·00	989352.00	152509·00
12.	Delhi State	749766·00	862797·00	157933·00
13.	Gazipur	380601·00	658015·00	
14.	Shahdra	648713·00	416808·00	
15.	Khichripur	791801·00	678973·00	82608·00
16.	Bharat	159166·00	290964·00	211328·00
17.	Daulatpur	10970·00	237692·00	184020·00
18.	Golden		123027·00	185307·00
19.	Milan		171246·00	175200·00
20.	Mohamed Aslam		158312·00	126070·00

1	2	3	4	5
21.	Nav Bharat	935544·00	586518·00	132406·00
22.	Harrveli		97768·00	94440·00
23.	Goinka		141617·00	75121·00
24.	Kamdhenu	20501·00	149832·00	76985·00
25.	Subhash		179876·00	
26.	Chambal Ghati		130364·00	
27.	New Kishan		96246·00	
28.	Hindustan		98513·00	
29.	Rattan	1444694·00	1031124·00	163587·00
30.	Adarsh	938358·00	694852·00	110940·00
31.	Garhi Mandu	1096070·00	831207·00	147630·00
32.	Paras	994731·00	923057·00	112018·00
33.	Mansrover	1379606·00	844395·00	
34.	Khira	597597·00		
	Total :	18652941·00	1647879·00	3726022·00

Drought in the country

890. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain areas in the country were badly affected by drought this year; and

(b) if so, the details of the areas affected and the loss incurred thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) During the current year the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Rajasthan have reported drought conditions in varying degrees on account of insufficient rains during South-West monsoon of 1991, North-East monsoon of 1991 and the winter rains in 1992.

(b) According to reports received from the State Governments, crop areas to the extent of 8.12 lakh hectares in Karnataka, 1.12 lakh hectares in Kerala, 27.42 lakh hectares in Madhya Pradesh, 58.6 lakh hectares in Maharashtra and 77.33 lakh hectares in Rajasthan have been affected. The Government of Gujarat has reported an estimated loss of 10.42 lakh MT in the production of khariff foodgrains, 11.71 lakh MT khariff oil seeds and 7.37 lakh MT of Cotton. Government of Manipur has estimated a crop damage of Rs. 148.00 crores.

गेहूं का आयात

891. **चौधरी हरि सिंह :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कनाडा के आने वाले गेहूं की पहली खेप भारत कब पहुंचेगी ;

(ख) कनाडा से आयात किए जा रहे गेहूं को देश के किन-किन हिस्सों में भेजा जाएगा ; और